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## MEDIA

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**Issued press release:** [U.S. EPA announces availability of \\$7 million to replace or retrofit old school buses \(AZ, CA, HI, NV\)](#). Soledad Calvino.

**Tahoe Daily Tribune:** Reporter Jack Barnwell has questions about EPA's recent approval of the amendment of the Lahontan WQ Control Plan and wants to learn more about the use of herbicides and pesticides in Lake Tahoe. Coordinated with program and sent response. WATER. CLOSED. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**New America Media:** Editor Viji Sundaram is doing a story on the pesticide, endosulfan, which is going to be phased out in July 2016. Referred to HQ. CLOSED. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Worker Protection Rule** - At the request of Headquarters, posted to our [Facebook](#) page a video about the new Worker Protection Standard for farm workers.

### Web Updates:

**Press Contacts** – Posted updates to the Region 9 [Press Contacts page](#).

**Federal Green Challenge** – Updated the Webinar Archive on the [Federal Green Challenge website](#).

**Tribal RTOC** – Posted the draft Fall RTOC agenda to [Tribal RTOC Upcoming Meetings page](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier provided some information and links on EPA's website to Ken Rooney in the Senator's DC Office who wanted some information on the special case issue regarding the (Cargill) Redwood City Salt Pond issue. Brent provided Ken with a link to information posted on EPA's website regarding the Redwood City Salt Plant issue that includes a link to a PDF copy of a letter sent by EPA on March 18, 2015 to John C. Morrow Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Corps of Engineers as well as a link to a 1989 memorandum of agreement between EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) which lays out the process by which EPA can move to take over determinations about federal authority on individual sites, entire regions or particular activities and includes the definition of a "special case". <http://www3.epa.gov/region09/water/wetlands/redwood-city/http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/404f.cfm>

**House Speaker John Boehner:** Speaker Boehner has announced his decision to resign as Speaker and from Congress at the end of October. The abrupt decision comes after he faced heavy pressure from conservatives in his party to take a harder line on their causes. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) is seen as the favorite to succeed John Boehner (R-Ohio) as Speaker. House Speaker John Boehner's decision to retire next month should pave the way for Congress to pass a short-term funding bill next week and avoid a government shutdown, House lawmakers said today. The House will likely pass a Senate-backed bill that would keep the government open through mid-December, instead of voting on new legislation, House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers (R-Ky.) told reporters.

**Appropriations Update:** A new version of a Senate bill that would fund the federal government through December 11<sup>th</sup> is, like its predecessor, free of any major policy provisions that would affect environmental issues. The bill ([Amendment No. 2680 to H.J. Res. 61](#)) is a continuing resolution that would avert a government shutdown. The Planned Parenthood language has been stripped from this new version of the continuing resolution. The resolution contains an across-the-board cut of nearly a quarter of a percentage point for all federal agencies to comply with the sequester-mandated budget caps for the 2016 fiscal year. Earlier versions of an appropriations bill that would have funded the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department and other related agencies contained dozens of policy provisions aimed at blocking the Obama administration from issuing new regulations on water jurisdiction, climate change and many other issues. The Senate could cast a final vote on this new continuing resolution as early as September 28<sup>th</sup>, barring a weekend session.

**Legislation Update:** The House today passed legislation that would speed up environmental reviews. **H.R. 348**, or the "Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2015," would establish hard deadlines for proposed energy and infrastructure projects that undergo National Environmental Policy Act reviews. The bill passed 233-170 on a largely partisan vote in the lower chamber. The RAPID Act, however, will likely not go much further than the House this Congress. The legislation has drawn a veto threat from

President Barack Obama's administration. In a [statement of administration policy](#), the White House warned this legislation would “increase litigation, regulatory delays, and potentially force agencies to approve a project if the review and analysis cannot be completed before the proposed arbitrary deadlines.” <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/348>

**Upcoming Congressional Hearings This Week:**

**Tuesday September 29, 2015 – Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works** - Will hold a hearing entitled, *“Economy-wide Implications of President Obama’s Air Agenda.”*

Witnesses: EPA’s Janet McCabe. 10:00am ET. Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=4F639273-4466-4545-8761-10AE9CBFF339>

**Wednesday September 30, 2015 - Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works** - Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water will hold a hearing entitled, *“Oversight of the Army Corps of Engineers’ Participation in the Development of the New Regulatory Definition of “Waters of the United States”* Witnesses: TBA. 10:00am ET. 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=4F8FF1D1-CE2E-4387-AA6C-6674ACFBBECC>